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FROM FIBROUS PRODUCTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Official Letter dated June 9, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A method for recovering a
resinous residue from a resinous fibrous product [that may be]
capable of being further processed into a usable nitrogen product
comprising the steps of:

selecting an acid for use in an acid bath solution as a function of a type of the resinous residue found on the resinous fibrous product;

inserting the resinous fibrous product within a washer/extractor machine, wherein the resinous fibrous product is in the form of a plurality of strands or in the form of a mat;

introducing said resinous fibrous product to said acid bath solution heated to approximately 200 degrees Fahrenheit for a period of time sufficient to substantially remove the resinous residue from a fibrous portion of the resinous fibrous product;

removing said acid bath solution and the resinous residue from said washer/extractor machine;

introducing said acid bath solution and the resinous residue into a cooling line to precipitate the resinous residue; and

removing the precipitated resinous residue from said acid bath solution using a clarifier.